

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 721
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dobyons-Bennett High School on its being named one of "America's Best High Schools" by *Newsweek* magazine.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions whose faculty, staff, and students, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Dobyons-Bennett High School is one such exceptional school which was recently named one of America's Best High Schools by *Newsweek* magazine; and

WHEREAS, this illustrious educational institution was ranked 574th on the list of well over 700 schools that were evaluated according to a "challenge index", which was determined by dividing the number of graduating seniors by the number of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses offered by each school; and

WHEREAS, these high-level courses stretch young minds and better prepare students for the collegiate academic arena, as illustrated by a 1999 United States Department of

Education study, making the “challenge index” a valuable measure of the emphasis placed on academic achievement in a particular high school; and

WHEREAS, ever-committed to ensuring the success of their graduates, the faculty of Dobyns-Bennett High School has established a precedent of offering numerous Advanced Placement classes; Dobyns-Bennett students have had the opportunity to enroll in 17 Advanced Placement courses, ranging in subject from Physics to Music Theory, and school officials hope to add even one more course to the array of accelerated-study options available; and

WHEREAS, through a steadfast commitment of time and talent by faculty members, parents, and teenagers, the students of Dobyns-Bennett High School have achieved outstanding academic success and have joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and in our country; and

WHEREAS, Dobyns-Bennett High School’s noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for the Kingsport community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Dobyns-Bennett High School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the faculty, staff, and students of Dobyns-Bennett High School upon their inclusion in *Newsweek*’s “America’s Best High Schools”, noting their remarkable commitment to academic achievement, and extending to them our best wishes for a successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.